all the major hockey playing centres in the country; and

(c) what is t'ne financial assistance proposed to be given, and to how many centres in different States for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) to (c) Government have launched a plan scheme which provides for laying of artificial hockey turfs at suitable sites in the country. Fifty per cent of the cost of laying of such turfs, subject to a ceiling of Rs. 50 lakhs in each case, will be met by the Central Government. *Tne* balance cost is to be met by the State Governments or the user ageneies concerned. One such turf at Lucknow has already been sanctioned by th$_e$ Government. The actual number to be sanctioned during the Seventh Five Year Plan period will depend on valid proposals received from th$_e$ State Governments or user agencies. In addition, Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports will be laying three such turfs—one each at Bangalore, Calcutta and Gandhinagar fully at its cost.

It is true that in rhe modern game of hockey, practice of playing on synthetic artificial turfs is an important factor in determining performance,
besides skill, endurance, fitness, etc.

Opening of school in Vasant Vihar,. New Delhi

1166. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken to open a primary/secondary school in Government Colony, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MIINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATl KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) A proposal for starting a Middle School is under consideration of Delhi Administration. It is being proposed under the scheme of Minimum Needs Programme.

Demurrage charges paid by importers at Indira Gandhi

International Airport, New Delhi

1167. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the importers are required to pay the demurrage charges when their cargo is held up for want of necessary action on the part of Customs/IAAI officials at the Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi;

(b) if so, what is the number of "detention certificates" issued during 1986-87 and those honoured by the airport authorities at the Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi; and

(c) what are the monthly figures of demurrage charges collected at this airport during 1986-87?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) In cases, where unconditional detention certificates are issued by competent Customs Authorities for bona-fide purposes, remission of 80 per cent of the demurrage charges is granted. In the cas$_e$ of analytical tests, IOO per cent waiver of demurrage charges for the certified period of detention is allowed, provided the importers did not have the option to clear the goods under bond.

(b) Of the 46 detention certificates issued by Customs during t'ne period from 1-5-1986 to 31-3-1987, 30 certificates which qualified for exemption from demurrage charges, have been honoured.

(c) The monthly figures of demur rage charges collected at I.G.I. Airport from May, 1986 to March, 1987 are as follows: —

(Rs. in crores)

Month	Demurrage charges
May 86	0.28
June 86	0.66
July 86	0.92
August 86	1.11
September 86	1.10
October 86	1.28
November 86	1.18
December 86	1.19
January 87	1.11
February 87	1.03
March 87	1.24

Amendment in Dowry Prohibition Act

1168. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Dowry Prohibition Act 1961; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO); (a) No, Sir.

(b) The question does not arise.

Allegations against Principal, Regional Engineering College, Trichy

1169. SHRl K. G. MAHESWARA PPA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be ple ased to state:

(a) whether Government have received serious allegations against the Principal, Regional Engineering College, Trichy;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any enquiry into these allegations has been undertak en; and

(d) if so, what are the findings of the enquiry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir; allegations have been received.

(b) The allegations relate to irregularities, acts of ommission and commission, abuse of power, nepotism etc. on the part of Principal.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. A one-man-Enquiry Committee consisting of Shri V. Srinivasan, Director of Technical Education, Madras has been set up by the State Government of Tamil Nadu to enquire into these allegations. The findings of the Committee are awaited.

Production of Electric Locos by Chittarajan Locomotive Works

1170. SHRI M. A. BAB Y.
SHRI NIRMAL CHATTER JEE:

Will fhe Miinister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Financial Express dated 7th February, 1987 regarding uncertainty over upgraded Chittaranjan Locomotive Works electric locos;